

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 21 and 22 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. Accordingly, claims 21 and 22 remain pending in the present application.

Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over GB 2119711 to Johne et al. ("Johne") in view of EP 0574124 to DeMoore ("DeMoore"). Claim 21 recites, in part, that "lacquer is applied exclusively to the *plate* cylinder."

In contrast, Johne teaches applying lacquer to both the plate cylinder and blanket cylinder. *See* Johne, Figure 2 and page 1, lines 62-75. Johne teaches a lacquer application roller selectably positionable to effect transfer of lacquering agent directly from the wiper roller to the *blanket* cylinder. DeMoore does not remedy the deficiencies of Johne in that DeMoore has merely been cited for the purpose of teaching a doctor blade chamber device.

In addition, Applicants submit that modifying Johne with DeMoore does not teach the feature of applying lacquer exclusively to the *plate* cylinder as claimed in the present application. Instead, replacing the fountain roller 1 and a doctor blade 2 of Johne with a doctor blade chamber as taught by DeMoore creates a doctor blade chamber device that contacts a distributing cylinder that applies lacquer to a wiper roller and blanket cylinder. *See* Johne, Figure 2. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 21 distinguishes over the combination of Johne and DeMoore and request that the §103 rejection of claim 21 be withdrawn.

Claim 22 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,722,273 to Jahn ("Jahn") in view of DeMoore. Claim 22 recites, in part, the feature of "applying lacquer exclusively to the *plate* cylinder."

In contrast, Jahn teaches a lacquering mode that enables a metering roller to be moved into engagement with the *blanket* cylinder. As such, lacquer is applied directly to the blanket cylinder. *See* DeMoore, Figure 1 and col. 3, lines 64-68. As set forth above, DeMoore does not remedy the deficiencies of Jahn in that DeMoore has merely been cited for the purpose of teaching a doctor blade chamber device.

Furthermore, Applicants submit that modifying Jahn with DeMoore does not teach the feature of applying lacquer exclusively to the *plate* cylinder as claimed in the present application. Instead, replacing the lacquer applying device of Jahn with a doctor blade chamber as taught by DeMoore creates a doctor blade chamber device that contacts the blanket cylinder. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 22 distinguishes over the combination of Jahn and DeMoore and request that the §103 rejection of claim 22 be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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